THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI p. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have leased cpacity of ARABSAT-1B and STATITONAR-13 satellites and allocated use of five transponders on the former and one on the latter to Doordanhan for distribution of TV programmes.

Guidelines for Fixing the length of National Highways

1886. DR. NARREDDY THULASY REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any formulae or guidelines for fixing the length of national highways in a particular state; and

(b) if so, whether such guidelines are followed in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHANGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRL SHNAN): (a) There is no formula for fixing the length of National Highways in a particular- State. However, roads are declared as National Highways keeping In view the following besides the availability Of resourence:

(i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) roads connecting adjacent countries;

(iii) roads connecting State capitals;

(iv) roads connecting major ports and important industrial or tourist centres;

(v) roads meeting very important strategic requirements;

(vi> roads carrying i high density of traffic over an adequate length; and

(vii) roads which will enable sizcaable reduction in travel distance and advancement of substantial economies thereby.

(b) While declaring National Highways, these guidelines are followed.

National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

1887. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have rent proposals for the inclusion of roads into national highways;

(b) if *TO,* what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to accept the proposals if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE LISTER OF SURFACTE TRANSPORT WITH ADD-HONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRI-SHNAN): (a) to (c) During 'the Seventh Plan, the State Government had projected ten State Roads for inclusion in the NH system as detailed in Statement B/F below) out of which Nizamabad Jagdalpur road has already been declared as National Highway. Inclusion of remaining ■ roads in the NR network during the Eighth Plan period would depend upon the availability of resources and also the *inter-se* priority of various